REVENUE (195 -) Department.

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Dated 25-11-1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Prohibition - Working of the Act - Report for July 194
Recorded with remarks.

Revenue Department.

PRESS NOTE No. 248 D/29-10-48.

Prohibition - working of the Act - Report for July 1948.

During the month, Prohibition was introduced in Pudukottai State on 1-7-1948 and it was inaugurated by the Hon.Sri M. Bhakthavatsalam who was then in charge of Prohibition. It was welcomed by the people with great joy.

The following report on the working of Prohibition during July '48 in the 16 districts where it is now in force is published for information.

I. Enforcement:-

The total number of cases detected during the month in all the 16 Prohibition districts was 6,039 against 5,358 cases detected during the previous month. The total number of cases reported during the month was the highest when compared with the figures. In the previous month there was a heavy fall in Bellary and a slight fall in the districts of Anantapur, the Nilgiris, Tiruchirapalli and Madura. There was an increase in the total number of cases in all the other districts except South Kanara where there was no increase or decrease. Of the total number of cases reported in the 16 districts, 2,824 cases related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 2,535 cases during the previous month. 45 cases of illicit tapping for fermented toddy and 14 casses of tapping for sweet toddy without licences were reported during the month as against 65 and 22 cases respectively during the previous month. There was only one case of permitting sweet toddy to ferment. The number of cases of smuggling of liquor from outside the Province fell from 50 to 19 whereas the number of cases of Smuggling of liquor from the non-Prohibition districts rose from 24 to 55. However, there has not been any organised effort at smuggling. There was an increase in the total number of cases relating to intoxicating drugs from 170 during the previous month to 191 during the month.

Border Problems: The Border Patrol staff were generally active. Cases of smuggling from Hyderbad and Cochin States and from the French Establishment of Karakal were reported during the month.

II. Ameliorative Work:

Rural Recreation: The Rural Welfare Officers and Assistant Rural Welfare Officers conducted rural games in 1345 villages. 57 firka tournaments and 2 taluk tournaments were held during the month and it attracted largegathering of villagers. These tournaments helped to bring out women from their enforced purdah and added to the mirth and gaiety of village life. Prizes were also distributed to the winners in these tournaments.

Bhajanas, harikathas etc: Bhajanas, Harikathas and Kalakshepams were held in 1562 villages during the month. Folk dances, dramas or cinemas were held in 572 villages at the instance of the ameliorative staff. The ballad singers organised community singing in 396 villages and trained 3978 villagers.

Gramasangams: 212 gramasangams were organised during the month. Out of the gramasangams formed till the end of the month, 5659 gramasangams were active during the month and continued to do good work in the direction of rural water supply, sanitation, communications, education and rural amusement.

Thrift: A total sum of Rs.18078/- was saved in hundi oxes during the month.

Alternative employment for ex-tappers: A basket makers' operative Society was organised in Salem district. Milk upply Societies were organised in Salem and Nilgiris districts nd one such society was registered in the Bellary district. land colonisation Society was organised for 50 ex-tappers n the Anantapur district. A Co-operative building Society as also been started in this district. An egg-marketing ociety was organised in the Nilgiris district. A Co-operative ociety for Khadi spinning and weaving was organised in each f the districts of Tanjore and Madura. The number of members n the Jaggery manufacturing Co-operative Societies rose from 6,178 to 36,882 during the month. 22,208 maunds of jaggery orth Rs.1,13,646 were produced during the month.

Uplift of women: The members of the Department of omen's welfare attended to ameliorative work among the women in n the villages in the districts of Salem, Kurnool and the ilgiris.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
ABSTRACT.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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ORDER:

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2. The Government consider that the amount saved in the month is very poor. Handi boxes should be more widely distributed and the people encouraged to save more and more.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

Sd.. 12/11/1948.

To
The Board of Revenue (Excise).
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

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